

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2301–2303, and S. Res. 365.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 950, to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Niño events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–217)

S. 1582, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–218)

S. 1769, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider. (S. Rept. No. 110–219)

S. 2302, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. (S. Rept. No. 110–220)

H. Con. Res. 225, honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act:** Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 797, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide an educational assistance allowance for qualifying work study activities, and to authorize the provision of bronze representations of the letter “V” for the graves of eligible individuals buried in private ceme-

teries in lieu of Government-provided headstones or markers, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 1163, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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S. 1163 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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#### Appointments:

**Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194, as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator Inouye, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Senator Cantwell, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry—Agreement:** A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to file an original bill and accompanying committee report until 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 2, 2007.

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**Farm Bill Extension Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and that after the majority manager has offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute, there be debate only.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S13736–37**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:20 p.m., until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the

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remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13737.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007.

## Committee Meetings

### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Progress in Administration and Other Efforts To Coordinate and Enhance Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention." Testimony was heard from Robert K. Steel, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Tom Miller, Attorney General, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 5 through November 10,  
2007

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, November 5, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, and conference reports, when available.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 7, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine carbon sequestration technologies, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

November 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine localism, diversity, and media ownership, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* November 6, to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of the domestic

energy industry, focusing on its available workforce to meet our nation's growing needs, 10 a.m., SD-366.

November 8, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 86, to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1365, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, S. 1449, to establish the Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center to assist in preserving the archeological, anthropological, paleontological, zoological, and geologic artifacts and archival documentation from the Rocky Mountain region through the construction of an on-site, secure collections facility for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in Denver, Colorado, S. 1921, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, S. 1941, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1961, to expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama, S. 1991, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, S. 2098, to establish the Northern Plains Heritage Area in the State of North Dakota, S. 2220, to amend the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963 to authorize certain appropriations, and H.R. 1191, to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 8, to hold hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* November 6, Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Government Pension Offset (GPO), and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), focusing on policies affecting pensions from work not covered by Social Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.